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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 269
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Hendersonville High School DECA Club for their countless contributions to the Jason Foundation, Inc. and to the prevention of teenage suicide.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those remarkable organizations that have made significant contributions to this state and given unselfishly of themselves for the betterment of society; and

WHEREAS, The Hendersonville DECA Club is most assuredly one such exemplary chapter which has provided numerous contributions to the Jason Foundation, Inc. and to the prevention of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School DECA Club is a co-curricular organization composed of marketing students that enhances marketing skills taught in the classroom and provides students with experiences in leadership and business; and

WHEREAS, during the 1998-1999 school year, the HHS DECA Club chose to develop a public relations campaign for the Jason Foundation, Inc.; and

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WHEREAS, the Jason Foundation, Inc., was founded in October 1997 by A. Clark Flatt; it was created to educate parents, teachers, and other youth workers about the epidemic of teen suicide and potential warning signs; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School DECA Club has initiated, planned, and worked in the Jason Foundation open house, organized an official Jason Foundation Teen Board, and mailed 300 Jason Foundation informational packets to Tennessee high schools; and

WHEREAS, described by the President of the Jason Foundation as impressive, awesome, energetic, caring, civic-minded, organized and focused, the Hendersonville High School DECA Club brought many creative, useful ideas about publicizing the Jason Foundation organization; and

WHEREAS, the DECA Club has also obtained University of Tennessee Coach Phillip Fulmer as the Jason Foundation's National Spokesperson, aided in organizing and staffing Coach Fulmer's luncheons in Nashville and Knoxville, designed teen board T-shirts, stickers, and posters featuring Tennessee Oiler's football player, Chris Sanders, and they were also responsible for getting signs and posters developed and placed on and inside the Metro Transit Authority buses about the prevention of teenage suicide; and

WHEREAS, this stellar chapter won at the regional and state levels, and competed at the National DECA Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida, during April 23-28; the Hendersonville High School Public Relations Project placed in the top 16 in the nation in the Public Relations Written Event; and

WHEREAS, the members of this stellar club include: Lauren Jones; Melissa Batts; Eric Haag; and teachers, Lisa Baugh and Christy Brown; and

WHEREAS, the Hendersonville High School DECA Club has genuinely offered the spirit of caring and concern for others, and their invaluable assistance to the Jason Foundation, Inc. will forever be appreciated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize everyone affiliated with the Hendersonville High School DECA Club for their dedicated service to the prevention of teenage suicide, and for their contributions to the Hendersonville community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.